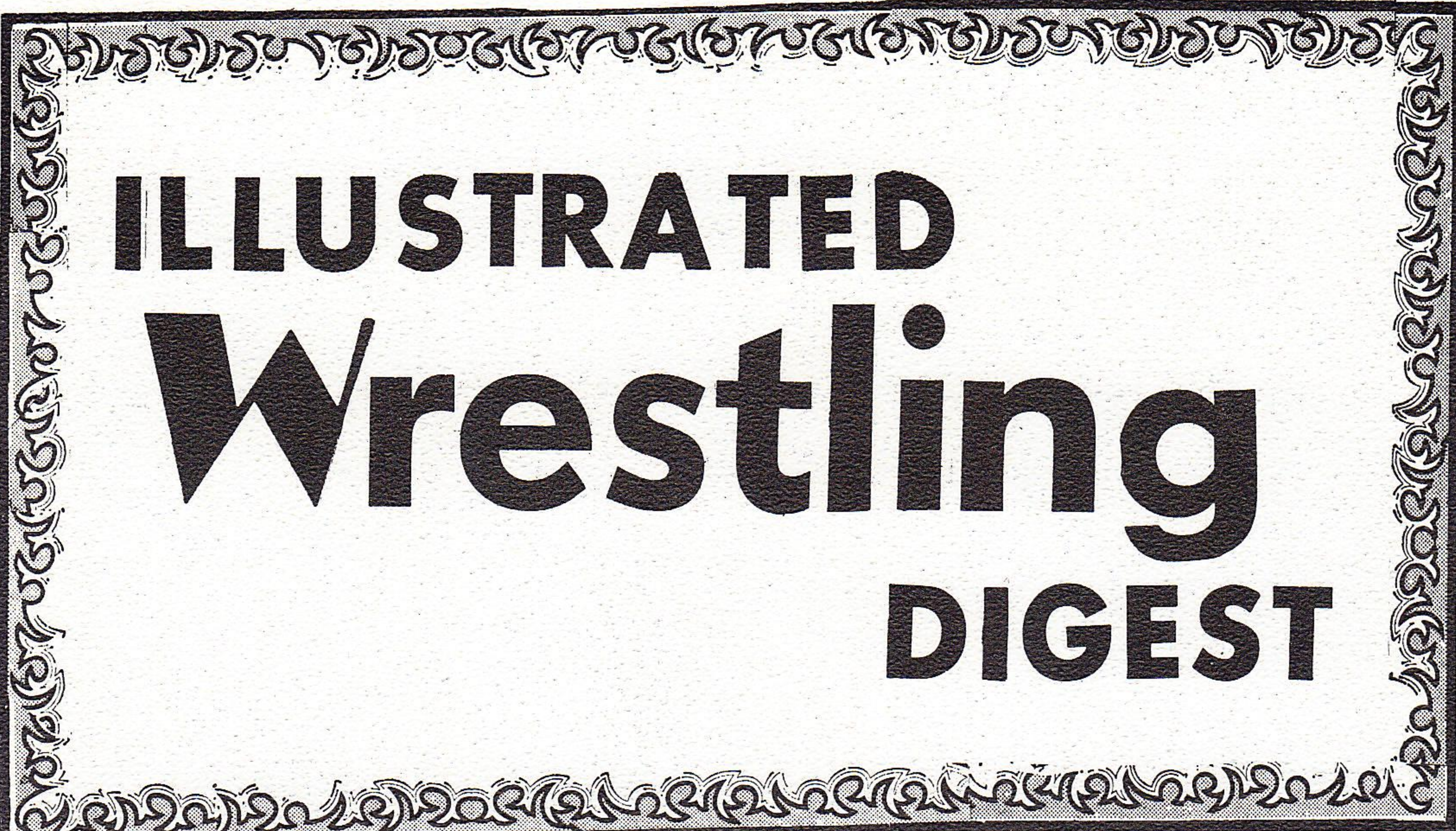
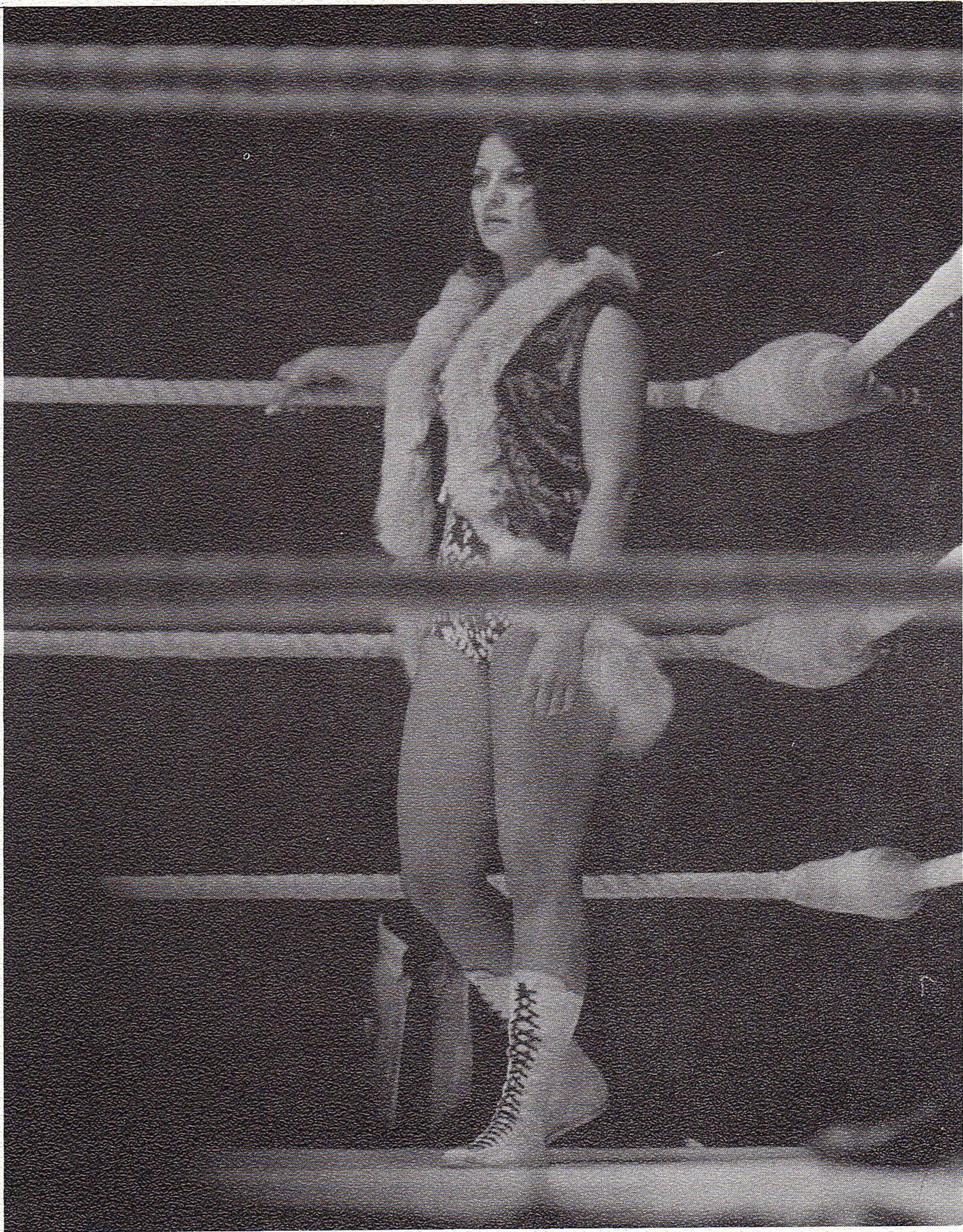




ILLUSTRATED Wrestling DIGEST

*WISHING
You And Yours
A Very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
And A
Prosperous
NEW YEAR*



Editor's Message

Dear Wrestling Fan,

During the last two years I have been active writing magazine articles on professional wrestling as well as printing 18 issues of my fan club bulletin, WRESTLING INFORMATION BULLETIN. I am now proud to announce that conditions are such, that I can publish a monthly publication in a truly professional manner.

For those of you who are avid readers of WIB, I can promise you an even finer wrestling publication, when the first issue of my ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST is mailed to you at the beginning of 1973. It will be better because I am expanding the number of pages to 52, using better quality paper, putting it in this more convenient size, organizing it in an easier to read lay-out, printing at least 24 photos per issue, and covering it with a special protective cover such as this paper being used.

ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST will continue to present close-up news and current results from many arenas on the East coast (WWWF), around Lake Erie (NWF), midwest (AWA), California, Central states, Texas, the Ozarks, Florida, Pacific Northwest, Southern states, Canada, and Japan. Chicago matches are always described in detail, as are many other important bouts that occur in other sections each month.

ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST will also continue the Looking Backwards feature of WIB, recalling matches that occurred several years ago. We also plan to do stories on various personalities, ratings, and if possible, in depth interviews. In the past, WIB has listed various histories of titles, printed wrestlers' aliases, made yearly summaries, listed phone numbers and addresses of different arenas, listed old magazines that printed articles on wrestling, and certainly ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST will continue to do such features of interest to wrestling fans.

If you have allowed your subscription to run out without renewing or if you have never read the Wrestling Information Bulletin publication, you are urged to try the first issue of Illustrated Wrestling Digest, by sending 50¢ for a Sample copy of the first edition, to the new mailing address of:

ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST
6620 Glen Devon Road
Rockford, Illinois 61111

The normal per copy price will be 75¢, but 6-month subscriptions are available for \$3.50, and a year's subscription is \$7.00. This makes the cost of each issue just under the 60¢ price that I have been charging for Wrestling Information Bulletin.

Donna Lemke shown on the opposite page is an attractive woman wrestler and Andre Rousimoff, shown on the back, towering over Dr. X, stands head and shoulders above his competition, and I am hopeful that you will find after reading issue #1 of ILLUSTRATED WRESTLING DIGEST, that it is a most attractive magazine, standing head and shoulders above all others in presenting news on the sport of wrestling.

Again I would like to extend my sincere wishes that you enjoy the Holiday Season and find 1973 to be filled with contentment.

Yours in Wrestling,

Ronald A. Dobratz
Editor



